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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3633**  
Satoshi SHIDA et al. : Docket No. 2002\_0278A  
Serial No. 10/069,401 : Group Art Unit 2812  
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
HANDLING ARRAYED COMPONENTS

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned Attorney of Record as to the present status of the above identified application, and advise when an Official Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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